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RE: SB #1

Dear Senate Energy Committee:

To quote Carl Pope, Sierra Club Chair, "What if we subsidized clean energy instead of coal and oil?"

Here in Connecticut we would not have lost dozens of photovoltaic and solar hydro installers to Massachusetts and New Jersey last year. These are the small businesses that turn an economy around! - let alone provide for home grown renewable energy instead of oil from overseas, hydro from Canada, coal from Pennsylvania, and nukes on our own Long Island Sound.

Let's get moving toward the future with:

- incentives for small-scale solar projects of 1 – 4 residential units
- promote local solar projects with long term contracts with Electric Distribution Companies
- initiate a feasibility study survey of state facilities for solar power development
- assign DEEP to create a program for a self-sustaining market for solar thermal and other renewable technology and manufacturing
- AND create new financial incentives in all these directions

Connecticut needs renewable energy. Financial incentives will get us there more quickly AS WELL AS LOWER OUR RELIANCE ON FOREIGN, OUT OF STATE, DIRTY, HEALTH-ENDANGERING NUCLEAR AND FOSSIL FUELS!

Please support expanding renewable energy through Senate Bill 1.